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TO: Temporary Amusement Ride Owners/Operators

SUBJECT: Insurance

This notice is to provide information and clarification of the insurance requirements for permits to operate temporary amusement rides. The Division suggests that you furnish a copy of this notice to your insurance agent or broker.

These insurance requirements are contained in California Labor Code Section 7912 which states as follows:

“No person shall operate an amusement ride unless there is in existence and on file with the division a policy of insurance issued by a company licensed by the Department of Insurance to do business in the state, or by a non-admitted insurer employed by a surplus lines broker licensed by the Department of Insurance, in an amount of not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) insuring the owner or operator against liability for injury suffered by persons riding the amusement ride.”

In meeting these Labor Code requirements, insurance documents submitted must meet the following standards:

1. Insurance must cover against liability for injury suffered by persons riding the amusement ride(s);
2. Minimum limits of coverage are \$500,000.00 per occurrence;
3. The Labor Code requires that a **complete insurance policy** be submitted for review; **A certificate of insurance or binder does not meet this requirement;**
4. It is preferable that this insurance be issued by an insurance company licensed by Department of Insurance.
5. Insurance policies issued by an insurance company which is non-admitted to do business in California must either be signed by a licensed California Surplus Lines Broker or include a Countersignature Endorsement signed by a California Surplus Lines Broker.

A **new complete policy** must be submitted to the Division promptly upon the expiration of the existing policy. Permits may be revoked if a valid policy of insurance is not on file with the Division.

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